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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

YUN ET AL.

Examiner

Lucy P. Chien

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,8-16,18,20 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 2,3,18,20 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION***Response to Arguments***

Upon further review, the indicated allowability of claim 3 has been withdrawn and currently stands rejected as disclosed below. The final rejection sent out 2/1/2007 has been withdrawn and newly presented arguments are below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 2,3,18,20,21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Akahira (US 6471352) and of Ueno (JP 09-166783) in view of Ben-Zur (US 20050179708).

Akahira discloses (figure 27C) providing a substrate having a plurality of unit panels formed thereon, loading the substrate onto a stage (Fig. 1, 52) and forming an alignment layer on the substrate to have a uniform thickness selectively dropping ink onto a first one of the unit panel regions by a dropping unit (Figure 1, items 55 and Figure 3, nozzles 108), having a plurality at least one head each head having a plurality of holes (Figure 27D). Wherein the selective dropping of the alignment material onto the substrate.

Akahira does not disclose dropping alignment material. Nor does Akahira disclose the specific movement of the alignment material dropping unit.

Examiner is using Ueno as a reference to disclose that using the dropping unit panels can be used for dropping alignment material. (Abstract)

Examiner is using Ben-Zur to disclose the specific movement of the dropping unit. Ben-Zur discloses positioning dropping unit at a first side of the stage ([0047]) driving the alignment material dropping unit from the first side to a second side (x axis) of the stage to drop the alignment material through holes along a plurality of first dropping paths along a first dropping directions shifting (y axis) the alignment material dropping unit by a predetermined distance along a direction substantially perpendicular to the first dropping direction driving the alignment material dropping unit from the second side to the first side of the stage to drop the alignment material through holes along a plurality of second dropping paths wherein the second dropping paths are disposed between first dropping paths. The shift distance of the alignment material dropping unit is smaller than a distance between the holes (as shown in Figure 6a-6d)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art to modify Akahira's method of forming color film using a plurality of unit panels to include Ueno's method of forming an alignment film that uses a plurality of unit panels to prevent a decrease in the display performance by providing a uniform orienting film (Abstract). Also, to include Ben-Zur et al's dropping unit movement motivated by the desire to provide a more efficient way of dropping material on a substrate [0005].

Conclusion


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lucy P. Chien whose telephone number is 571-272-8579. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571)272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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